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Re: Docket No. 98N-1265

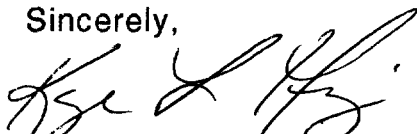
Gentlemen:

I am a consumer of health care services and would like to register my concern and disapproval of the Memorandum of Understanding as published by the FDA on January 21, 1999.

In its present form, the MOU, as well as the Compounding Section 503A of the Modernization Act, severely restricts the rights of physicians and patients to obtain healthcare products from the provider of their choice. The rights of compounding pharmacists to serve the medical needs of the public are also infringed. There should be no restrictions to the delivery of compounded medications to the healthcare consumer, regardless of where they live. **The MOU must be amended!**

The FDA is an United States Government agency that purports to be the "watchdog" for consumer safety. **This is not a safety issue!** As a governmental agency, the FDA is accountable to the public. The MOU must be amended.

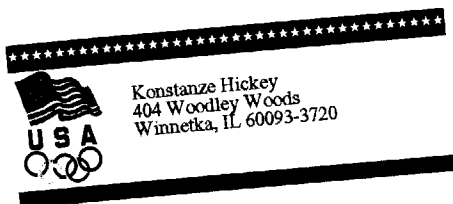
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